



Washington, D.C. 20505

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The Honorable James C. Miller, III
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Miller:

This is in response to your request for the views of the Director of Central Intelligence on enrolled bill H.R. 2112, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1988.

This bill authorizes the appropriations of funds for the conduct of intelligence and intelligence-related activities. It represents the combined efforts of the House and Senate Intelligence and Armed Services Committees as well as the several agencies and departments within the Intelligence Community to assure proper funding for such activities.

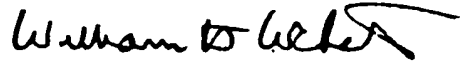
We were disappointed that the funding levels authorized by the bill were less than had been requested. However, members of the Intelligence Community will do everything possible to meet the complex and diverse challenges that we face within the budget constraints imposed by Congress.

On the other hand, we were pleased to see included in the bill again this year many of the legislative initiatives contained in the Administration's draft version of the bill previously sent to the Congress. These were: Section 601, which authorizes a uniform allowance for certain employees of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA); Section 602, which extends certain personnel authorities granted to the Department of Defense with respect to intelligence personnel; and Section 603, which gives DIA the authority to better protect its information from unauthorized disclosure.

Finally, while we were disappointed that the provision equalizing the tax treatment of certain benefits received by employees of DIA and the National Security Agency was not included in the final bill, we intend to continue our efforts to secure its passage in the Second Session of the 100th Congress.

For the reasons set forth above, I recommend Presidential approval of the bill. Enclosed is a suggested signing statement for the President's use effecting the views set forth in this letter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William H. Webster", with a stylized flourish at the end.

William H. Webster
Director of Central Intelligence

Enclosure

PRESIDENTIAL SIGNING STATEMENT
FISCAL YEAR 1988 INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT
(H.R. 2112)

I am pleased to sign H.R. 2112, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1988. This legislation authorizes the appropriation of funds for United States intelligence and intelligence-related activities. It represents the combined efforts of the Senate and House Intelligence and Armed Services Committees, as well as the various agencies and departments in the Intelligence Community, to assure adequate funding for these important activities.

The bill also contains many positive legislative initiatives which are the product of cooperation between these committees and the Community. We were all pleased to see the results of this cooperation and will work to insure it continues in the future.

I was disappointed that the funding levels authorized by this bill are less than I had requested. However, the Intelligence Community will do everything possible to meet the complex and diverse challenges it faces within the budget restraints imposed by Congress. In these times of fiscal constraint, it is necessary for all agencies to share in budget reductions and the Community stands ready to do its part. I look forward to continuing to work together with the Congress to insure that whatever is required will not undermine our continuing efforts to build a strong intelligence capability for the United States.